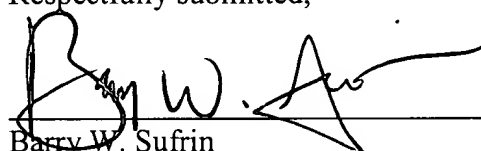


REMARKS

In the pending office action of February 24, 2004, which was made final, claims 11 – 17, 19 – 41, 44 – 48, 51 – 55, 63 and 72 were allowed. Claims 56 – 62 and 64 – 71 were rejected.

By this amendment, all of the rejected claims but for claim 64 have been canceled. Claim 64 is dependent on claim 63 and therefore believed patentable on that basis. Thus, with this amendment, it is believed that only allowed claims remain in the case. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this case be allowed and promptly passed to issue.

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